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EXAMINING GROUP: 3738

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re\ Application of: E. Skott Greenhalgh

Appln. No.: 09/998,878 Examiner: T. Barrett

Filed: October 31, 2001 Group Art Unit: 3738

For: LEAK AND TEAR RESISTANT GRAFTS

(Atty. Docket No. 24463-A USA)

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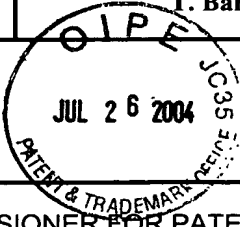
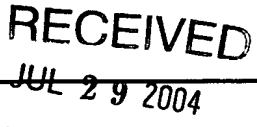

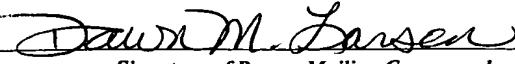
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.					
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